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THURSDAY AM MEETING

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS, KASSUM, PRESENTED THE EXPERTS' REPORT ON UN RESTRUCTURING. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS, HIS MAJOR POINTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

--REPORT WAS CONCEIVED AS A PACKAGE BUT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED AS A PACKAGE AND VARIATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED GRAND DESIGN OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS;

--PROPOSED ROLES FOR GA AND ECOSOC ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS OF THE REPORT;

--PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER OF OTC AND SECTORAL/TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS OF ESA ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED GRADUALLY;

--MAJOR EMPHASIS ON LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE UN ITSELF IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SYSTEM;

--PROPOSED SCIENCE ADVISER TO SYG INTENDED TO PROVIDE REQUIRED CLOSE COORDINATION THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM ON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES;

--IMPLIED TRADE OFF BETWEEN REVISED IMF AND IBRD VOTING POWER AND PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES FOR ECOSOC AND GA.

KASSUM SUGGESTED THAT SINCE SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA WOULD BE VERY FULL OF SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER SIMULTANEOUSLY EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESTRUCTURING AND SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD ACCEPT REPORT IN PRINCIPLE WITH IMPLEMENTATION TO BE DIRECTED BY PROPOSED NEW DG AND NEW SECRETARIAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPERVISED BY PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION.

2. LIMITED DISCUSSION OF REPORT FOLLOWED. IRELAND, SPEAKING FOR EC 9, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR REPORT AND NOTED THAT ESSENTIAL ELEMENT PROVIDES FOR MORE EFFICIENT FLOW OF RESOURCES TO LDCS, BUT OTHERWISE REFRAINED FROM SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

3. NETHERLANDS WELCOMED REPORT AS CONSISTENT AND COURAGEOUS SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY INDICATED THEY WERE GIVING REPORT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BUT THEN PROCEEDED TO DELIVER EXTENSIVE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON DETAILS. THEY ENDORSED GENERAL OBJECTIVES (PARAGRAPH 14), RENAMING OF SECOND COMMITTEE AND GIVING IT A NEW MANDATE, THE IDEA THAT ECOSOC SHOULD PREPARE AGENDA FOR SECOND COMMITTEE, REVITALIZATION OF ECOSOC (PARAGRAPH 42-48), REORGANIZATION OF SECRETARIAT (PARAGRAPH 69-75), PROPOSAL FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENED ACC, PERSONNEL POLICY (PARAGRAPH 92-96), PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGETING, CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN UNDA AND IBRD, AND CONSOLIDATION OF VOLUNTARY FUNDS IN UNDA. THEY INDICATED VARYING DEGREES OF RESERVATION REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF AD HOC WORLD CONFERENCES BY GA SPECIAL SESSIONS (PARAGRAPH 37), THE NEW NAME FOR THE THIRD COMMITTEE, THE FIXING OF ECOSOC CALENDARS AND PROGRAMS OF WORK, MAKING THE PROPOSED NEW CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES EXPLICIT, THE ABOLISHMENT OF ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF ACSTD BY AD HOC SCIENTIFIC GROUPS WHICH COULD LEAD TO LOBBYING FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS. THEY SUGGESTED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD RE-AFFIRM THE NEED FOR UN

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RESTRUCTURING, ENDORSE AND ADOPT A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SET IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS IN MOTION THROUGH ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS AND A COMMITTEE.

4. SPEAKING FOR G-77, MEXICO THANKED KASSUM FOR DETAILED INTRODUCTION OF REPORT BUT INDICATED THEY ARE STILL STUDYING REPORT IN DEPTH AND ARE NOT READY TO STATE VIEWS. STRESSED THEY INTERPRET PARAGRAPH 6 OF REPORT AS REFERRING TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED

NIEO AND CERDS.

5. EGYPT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXPERTS' REPORT AND INDICATED THEY WOULD STUDY IT CAREFULLY.

6. US (TANK) NOTED OUR APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS, THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UN OPERATING STRUCTURES, THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE REPORT, THE IMAGINATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING UN EFFECTIVENESS ESPECIALLY IN ASSISTING MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, THE NEED FOR STUDYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS A PACKAGE, AND OUR INTEREST IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBER STATES.

7. ALGERIA INDICATED THAT SILENCE OF G-77 REGARDING REPORT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS REJECTION OF REPORT AND THAT MEXICO DID SPEAK FOR G-77. END  
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